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C O N F I D E N T I A L VIENNA 6446

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SUBJECT: AVIATION; BERLIN AIR SERVICES; COMMENTS OF SOVIET EMBASSY
COUNSELOR

1. COUNSELOR OF SOVIET EMBASSY, KHRUSTALEV, INVITED CHARGE'
TO LUNCH JULY 25 AND HELD FORTH ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS. AMONG OTHER
ISSUES, HE RAISED BERLIN, NOTING THAT BERLIN HAD BEEN AN IMPORTANT
PROBLEM FOR THE FOUR POWERS IN THE PAST AND STILL CONTINUED TO BE
ONE. HE SAID THE MAIN CURRENT PROBLEM CONCERNED AIR TRAFFIC IN
AND OUT OF WEST BERLIN. HE STATED FIRMLY THAT ONLY THE FOUR
POWERS CAN FLY INTO WEST BERLIN, THAT OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE NO
BUSINESS DOING SO. SINGLING OUT AUSTRIA SPECIFICALLY, HE ADDED
THAT IF OTHER COUNTRIES WISHED TO APPROACH THE GDR DIRECTLY AND
NEGOTIATE AGREEMENTS TO FLY TO WEST BERLIN OVER GDR TERRITORY,
THAT MIGHT BE ANOTHER MATTER. HE EMPHASIZED THAT THERE WOULD BE
NO WAY THAT THE SOVIETS COULD AGREE TO COUNTRIES OTHER THAN THE
FOUR POWERS USING THE CORRIDORS TO EAST BERLIN. HE ADDED THAT
HE EXPECTED BERLIN TO BE A PROBLEM THAT WOULD BE WITH US ALL
FOR YEARS TO COME.

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2. KHRUSTALEV DID NOT REFER OR ALLUDE TO PAN AM INTEREST IN

VIENNA- WEST BERLIN SERVICE, NOR TO SOVIET EMBASSY'S APPROACH
TO GOA REFERRED TO IN RFTEL.

3. MEMCON BEING POUCHED.MOWINCKEL

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